



– *John 10:11-18*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

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9:00 a.m. Service
(In-person & Online)

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* *Congregation stands, as able*

(Pastor's parts) – in light print

ALL join in! – in bold print

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood
into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed
through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

* **GATHERING SONG**

ELW # 502

'The King of Love My Shepherd Is'

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so, through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

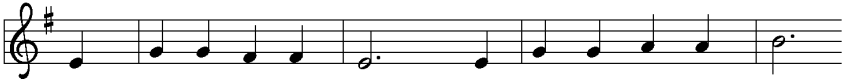
Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877. Music: Irish tune.

*** GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

* KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*** GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

The holy gospel according to Saint John, the tenth chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ben Siebert

*** CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries

around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. We pray especially for your protection and healing for Alyson. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith and all who labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

*** PEACE**

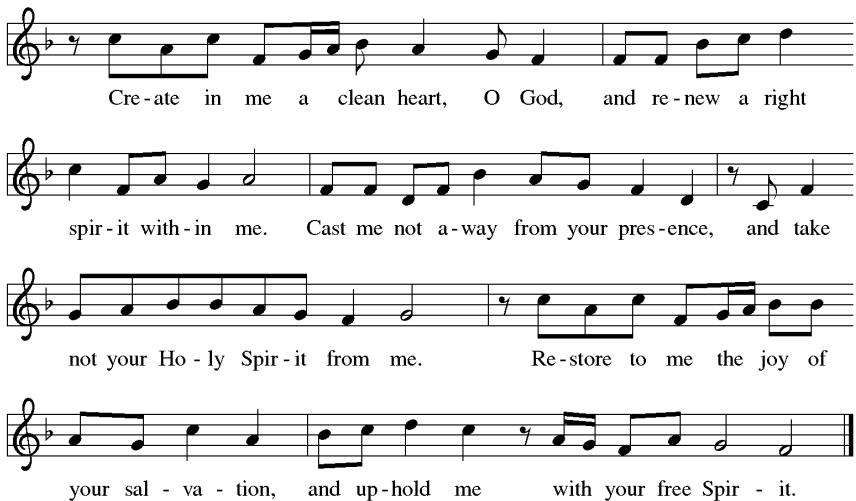
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us share signs of peace as we greet one another.

MEAL

OFFERING

*** OFFERTORY: 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'** ELW # 186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.



*** OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

*** DIALOGUE: 'The Great Thanksgiving'**

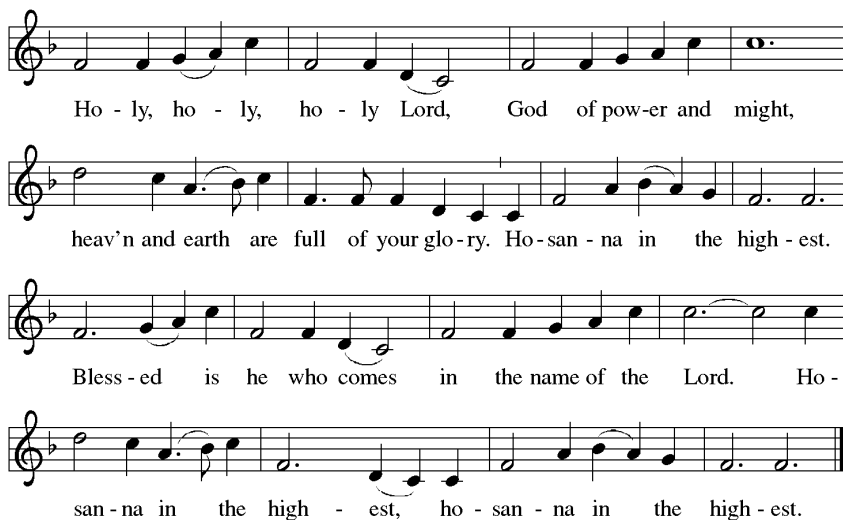


*** PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*** HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family
through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick, fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

*** LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: 'O Lamb of God'



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

*** BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

*** SENDING SONG**

ELW # 768

'Lead Me, Guide Me'

Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(Refrain)

2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O lord, lead me.

Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

3. I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(Refrain)

Text: Doris Akers, 1922-1995. Music: Doris Akers.

*** DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*** Postlude**

The Ministers of Worship & Service

Presiding Minister	Pastor Ben Siebert
Pianist	Andy Pelc
Organist/Pianist	Ellie Vranich
Chancel Choir Coordinator	Ellie Vranich
Children's Choir Director	Josie Pelc
Children's Choir Accompanist	Andy Pelc
Altar Guild	Laurie Grubbs & Audrey Ridinger
Head Usher	Jim Ridinger
Ushers/Greeters/Communion Assistants	(Volunteers)
Lector	Bob McQuaid
Acolytes	(Volunteers)
Sound Technician	(Volunteer)
Administrative Assistant	Kathy Singley
Head Counter/Offering Counters	(TBD)

The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Mike, and in honor of our children and grandchildren, by Ruth Sobotor.

Communion Notes: All baptized Christians are invited to the table. Children who have not received instruction in the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing. Communion in the pews is available for anyone who wishes. Please notify an usher.

Grape Juice is available for those who avoid alcohol. After receiving bread, go to a Communion Assistant and ask for a vessel from the rack. The Communion Assistant will provide the blessing.

Welcome Visitors: It is a pleasure having you join us for worship today. Please sign our guest book in the back of the church. If you would like to offer any comments on your worship experience at Trinity or have a request, please send us a note to P.O. Box 309, Arendtsville, PA 17303 or by email at trinityarendtsville office@gmail.com.

Sermons and Worship Resources Available. Sermons are available via Trinity's podcast. Just search for "Trinity Lutheran Church: Arendtsville" in iTunes or find them on our Facebook page. The Trinity website also offers resources for worship. Go to: trinityarendtsville.org.

Devotional Booklets Are Available. The regular and large print *Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets for the second quarter (April through June) of 2024 are available. They can be picked up from the usher's table or from the literature rack at the front entryway.

Listen for
God's Voice
In everything you do



PRAYER LIST

• April 21, 2024 •

Our Prayer List: 4 weeks

Alyson* (friend of Kathy Wholaver)

Our Long Term Prayer List: 2 months

Bonnie Breeding (Brilharts' son-in-law's grandmother)
Wayne & Sandy Eisenberg (Ruth Sobotor's neighbors – health)
William Helwig (assisted living)



Prayer List Submission Guidelines

*Names on "Our Prayer List" will run for **four weeks**, unless otherwise requested. Those names marked with an (*) will indicate the fourth week and be subject to removal. If you wish to have them stay on, please let us know or the names will be removed from the list. Names on the "Long Term Prayer List" will run for **two months**. To place someone on the list, fill out the following form and give it to an usher, place in the offering plate, or give it to the church office.*

Person: _____

Which List? _____ Our Prayer List _____ Long Term

Your Name: _____



Always Room for One More

When Jesus says “I am” in the Gospel of John, he unlocks a new perspective on his love. In today’s reading, when Jesus declares, “I am the good shepherd,” we can imagine our Lord caring for us and guiding us. We picture ourselves as his sheep. It’s reassuring to hear that we aren’t alone to navigate the dangers and challenges of this world. We have a loving shepherd who is looking out for us.

Jesus loves us so much that he goes above and beyond the shepherd’s role as a caretaker. He gives up his own life so our sins can be forgiven and we can receive eternal life. That’s what being a good shepherd means—having such a close relationship with the sheep that the shepherd will stop at nothing to protect them. The shepherd will lay down his own life so his sheep can have life.


When we hear Jesus’ promise to be our good shepherd, we must not miss his commitment to gather up the sheep that aren’t yet part of his flock. They, too, will listen to Jesus’ voice. Responding to his loving call, they will become part of the one flock that follows Jesus as their good shepherd, their Savior, and their Lord. No matter how many sheep are already jostling for space, there is always room for one more. Just like there is always room at our holy communion table for one more person to eat the bread, drink the wine, and receive the gifts of God’s mercy and grace. We can always squeeze closer to the sheep around us to let one or more sheep enter Jesus’ flock, thankful that the flock is growing and that we get to listen to the loving voice of our good shepherd, together.



Announcements for April 21, 2024

- † **TODAY: First Communion Class** for those participating will be held following the worship service today.
- † **TODAY: EIMI Confirmation Class** will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Trinity. *Next EIMI Class: April 28.*
- † **April 25: American Red Cross Blood Drive** is being held this Thursday, April 25, from 1 to 6 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 25 Franklin Street, Biglerville. Please sign up using the Red Cross Blood Donor app or call 1-800-733-2767. Go to redcrossblood.org for additional information. "Give blood. Help save lives." (*See bulletin boards.*)
- † **May 1: Church Women United.** Adams County Church Women United will meet Wednesday, May 1, 11:30 a.m. at Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Road. We will celebrate "May Friendship Day". Bring a bagged lunch. Desserts and beverages will be provided. Everyone is welcome!
- † **May 19: Fifth Annual 'UACT Day at The Park'!** All local youth with their families and friends are invited to Oakeside Park, Biglerville, on Sunday, May 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. for the Fifth Annual UACT Day at The Park. It will be an afternoon of fun, games, and fellowship, so bring a friend. It is a FREE event which will be held "rain or shine". No RSVP is necessary. *Mark your calendars and save the date!*
- † **NEEDED: Council Secretary.** Trinity's Congregational Council is seeking a Council Secretary. If interested in serving our congregation by volunteering your time to this position, see Council President Rick Pelc or Pastor Ben. For more details or if having questions, feel free to ask any Council member or current Council Secretary Richard Bachman.
- † **2024 Graduates.** If your child or other relative is graduating from high school, college, professional or trade school and they would like to be honored, please contact the church office at trinityarendtsvilleoffice@gmail.com or 717-677-8921 with information, such as where they are graduating from, future plans, and parent(s) name(s). The graduates will be honored in May.

Announcements for April 21, 2024

- † **NEEDED: Two Synod Assembly Delegates.** Trinity is currently seeking two delegates (one male and one female) for the upcoming Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly to be held May 31 and June 1. The first day of assembly on Friday, May 31, will be an evening session via Zoom of the general agenda. On Saturday, June 1, it will be an in-person meeting with a day of business. For more information on the 2024 Synod Assembly, go to the Lower Susquehanna Synod's website at: lss-elca.org.
- † **Employment Opportunities at Nawakwa.** *Positions Open – Nawakwa Housekeeper:* a 30-hour/week position, year-round. **Nawakwa Head Cook/Kitchen Manager:** position during summer is full time. Option is also available to cook for retreat group from September through May. Many summer camp positions are still available. Full job descriptions are available on the LCC website or contact Mike Youse at 717-677-8211 for more information or email him at myouse@lutherancamping.org to send a resume and ask questions.
- † **Gettysburg Soup Kitchen:** For over 30 years, Trinity has supported feeding those in need by sponsoring the first Saturday of each month at the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen. As the process at the Soup Kitchen was forced to change in the way they serve the food, we no longer prepare and serve the food. This is all handled in-house by the Soup Kitchen staff. However, they still need our support to help offset the cost of food. We are suggesting a donation of **\$50 a month**, but any amount is appreciated. If you would like to help sponsor a month during 2024, please see or contact Ruth Sobotor (717-253-5650) or Jan McQuaid (717-398-2106). If you write a check, please make it payable to: **Gettysburg Soup Kitchen.** *Thank you for your support!*
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- † **Thank You! ...** to my Trinity Lutheran Church family for the lovely altar flowers sponsored in my honor last Sunday, April 14, for Administrative Professionals Day. They were greatly appreciated and are definitely a bright spot in my home and being enjoyed!

– Love and Appreciation, Kathy Singley

Acknowledge Someone Special in '2024'! ...

Sponsor a
Beautiful Anthem,
the Sanctuary Candle

- or -

the Bulletins!



*It is a wonderful way
to express your appreciation
and love for someone you find special
in your life or dear to your heart.*

The Sanctuary Candle can be sponsored at \$5, and the Bulletins can be sponsored at \$15. Sponsorship of the Anthem is available at \$20, when chosen by the choir director. A request requiring music to be purchased is \$50.

A sponsorship can be in honor of someone special or a special occasion, in memory of, or to the Glory of God. Forms are available on the usher's table (outside the sanctuary) or on the bulletin boards. For availability of dates or if you have questions, feel free to contact the church office at:

trinityarendtsvilleoffice@gmail.com or 717-677-8921